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Temporary Evacuation Ordered for Parts of Glacier National Park

Evacuations Ordered as a Precaution

WEST GLACIER, MONT.- As a precautionary measure, Glacier National Park officials have ordered a temporary evacuation from the head of Lake McDonald to Apgar. Superintendent Mick Holm said the precautionary evacuation is necessary "because of the potential for the Roberts fire to spread and block off egress from those areas."

Currently the Roberts fire is burning to the northwest of Apgar Mountain. Weather forecasters have issued a red flag warning for winds 10 to 20 miles an hour this afternoon. "The safety of our visitors, concessioners and their employees, landholders and our personnel is our first priority," Holm said. "Hopefully this is nothing more than a fire drill, but due to the limited resources, we don't want to risk anyone's safety."

Also, all open flames, including cigarettes, have been banned throughout the park.

Park officials also ordered a mandatory evacuation in Many Glacier Valley when the "red flag" warnings were issued. Glacier Park Incorporated decided to evacuate Many Glacier Hotel and Swiftcurrent Inn earlier today as a precaution. Personnel are relocating to the Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road is temporarily closed from Logan Pass to Avalanche because of the Trapper Creek fire. The fire went across the road at the Loop Wednesday evening. A Type I team was ordered today for the Trapper Creek fire. The Sun Road remains open to visitors between Logan Pass and St. Mary.

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Other areas in Glacier National Park are open as well. Visitors can enjoy park activities at Two Medicine, St. Mary and East Glacier.

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Editors Note: The media opportunity with National Park Service Director Fran Mainella scheduled for Friday afternoon has been cancelled.